In the Claims

Kindly cancel claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under the judicially created Doctrine of Obviousness–type double patenting in view of the earlier '268 duPont patent. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer with respect to the '268 patent, thus rendering moot this rejection.

The Office Action rejects claim 20 under Section 102(b) in view of several prior patents. Claim 20 has been cancelled, thus rendering moot this rejection.

Applicants note with appreciation that the examiner has considered the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 17, 2004. However, the copy of the PTO/SB/08A attached to the Office Action only included sheet 1 of 2 of the references submitted. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward an initial copy of the second sheet of the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on February 17, 2004. A courtesy copy of that sheet is enclosed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that that this application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain which may best be resolved through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

It is our understanding that the fee required for the Terminal Disclaimer is $110.00. No additional fees for additional claims is believed to be due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this response to our Deposit Account No. **50-2613** (Order No. 37980.00002.CON1.P1068).

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